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FM USDEL SECRETARY IN ALEXANDRIA

TO AMEMBASSY DAMASCUS FLASH

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FOR THE AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP (KISSINGER, HENRY A.)

SUBJ: SECRETARY'S VISIT

REFS: A. DAMASCUS 3388, B. DAMASCUS 3384

1. SECRETARY DEEPLY APCCECIATES SYRIANS' WILLINGNESS
TO RECEIVE HIM AT 1315 HOURS ON SEPTEMBER 2.

2. THE SECRETARY, HOWEVER, HAS MADE A FIRM COMMITMENT
TO BE IN TAIF AT 4:00 P.M. FOR TALKS WITH KING KHALID.
AS SAUDIS PREFER THAT THESE TALKS NOT EXTEND
BEYOND THE 1900 PRAYER HOUR, THE SECRETARY REGRETS
THAT IT WILL NOT BE POSSIBLE AT THIS POINT TO DELAY
HIS ARRIVAL IN TAIF BY TWO AND A HALF HOURS.

3. WHILE A VISIT TO DAMASCUS ON SEPTEMBER 2, THERE FORE,
IS NOT FEASIBLE, THE SECRETARY NEVERTHELESS HAS NOT
COMPLETELY EXCLUDED THE POSSIBILITY, PER REF B, OF
A BRIEF, EARLY AFTERNOON VISIT EN ROUTE TO MINDENHALL
ON THURSDAY. BECAUSE THIS WOULD ENTAIL A VERY LATE
ARRIVAL IN WASHINGTON, SUCH A STEP IS, AT THIS POINT, VERY
REMOTE. WE WILL, HOWEVER, ADVISE YOU DEFINITELY
ON SEPTEMBER 2.

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4. PLEASE CONVEY TO SYRIAN HOSTS SECRETARY'S DISAPPOINT-

MENT THAT HIS SCHEDULE WILL NOT PERMIT A VISIT TUESDAY.
KISSINGER

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